

TOWN OF WILTON  
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: June 6, 2016  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Town Office  
Present: Chairman Kermit R. Williams, Selectmen William F. Condra and Daniel E. Donovan, III.  
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Williams.

Chairman Williams called for a non-public session at 6:31 P.M. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. Chairman Williams moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye; Donovan, Aye.

**Jennifer Beck - Conservation Commission Photo Contest**

Jennifer Beck of the Conservation Commission was next on the agenda. She said that about 69% of Wilton's land is in Current Use and people often ask the Conservation Commission what we are doing with that land. The Conservation Commission is interested in strategic pieces of land and balancing what we preserve, protect and develop. It is also important to work closely with the Planning Board. Jennifer spoke on some of the projects the Conservation Commission is planning for 2016-17. People don't know what they do, so they want to do some outreach. She is here tonight to tell the Selectmen about the upcoming photo contest being put on by the Conservation Commission. The contest will be open to Wilton residents and will be judged by Dr. Elizabeth Farnsworth. The contest will be called *Wild Wilton* and will have a \$1,000 cash prize.

Jennifer has come before the Board to ask for their approval for the \$1,000 prize. It's the amount you need to grab people's attention, she stated. The conversation switched to Current Use land and then to the Frye Farm Easement. Selectman Condra voiced his concern regarding this latest spending of public money for conservation land that was promised to offer public access; which has not happened. Bart Hunter responded that he has been attending the Land Steward Committee meetings and Ian McSweeney has addressed all of Bill's concerns. They are going to mark the trails and they will present the plan to the Selectmen within the next month. Alan Preston stated that he had argued from day one for these things. He hopes that next time there will be better communication. Ian McSweeney went around them. Selectman Condra stated that until now the Selectmen did not know that there was a committee working on the requests. Selectman Donovan agrees with Bill. He doesn't like the way it was done, seemed underhanded in his mind. Selectman Donovan told about the signs he placed around town that were removed as soon as they were put up. He had his suspicions who was taking them down and he was proven to be correct by having the Recycling Center employees watch for the signs when they were discarded. This kind of action leaves a bad taste. Also very troubling regarding the Frye Farm Easement was when Dan overheard at the Town Meeting vote "We've voted, now can we leave?" After a discussion about where the \$1,000 prize money would come from, the following motion was made: **Motion:** Chairman Williams moves to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend \$1,000 from their Contract Services line for the photo contest. Selectman Donovan seconded the motion followed by the following vote: Selectman Donovan, aye; Selectman Condra, "aye, with strong reservation – not convinced

it's a good use of tax payer money"; Selectman Donovan, aye, but he agrees with Bill; Chairman Williams, aye. The vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Jennifer thanked the Board, and the Selectmen thanked Jennifer and the Conservation Commission members.

### **Letter from Lyndeborough Selectmen**

Chairman Williams told about the letter received from the Lyndeborough Selectmen requesting a meeting to discuss the Recycling Center operations, the Ambulance Service, and Goss Park. He recommends that we do this as a special meeting. Steve Elliott, Gary Zirpolo and someone from Goss Park will be asked to attend. Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood will contact Town Administrator Russ Boland to propose June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. to meet in Wilton.

Chairman Williams made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 7:50 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(a). The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:32 P.M. Chairman Williams moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye; Donovan, Aye.

### **Wage and Salary Committee Representative**

Selectman Donovan volunteered to be the Selectmen's Representative to the Wage and Salary Committee which was going to reconvene to assess the process that the committee had put in place.

Motion: Chairman Williams moved to nominated Selectman Donovan to the Wage and Salary Committee as our representative. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

### **Town Administrator Timeline**

Chairman Williams spoke about the Town Administrator recruiting process and he showed the Board the timeline proposed by Primex. The advertisements have been published and resumes are coming in. It is open until June 24<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> to make a first pass. The Selectmen talked about a meeting time for them to interview the final candidates.

### **NRPC Economic Development Grant Application**

NRPC came across a grant to start something that would offer assistance to towns and they needed a prototype town for the services to be provided to. Wilton would get the services for free, although the services are not defined yet. Chairman Williams wrote on behalf of the Board that we thought we could use these services. NRPC needed the letter it right away.

### **Economic Development**

Selectman Donovan is looking forward to meeting with Jennifer Beck tomorrow. He asked if he should leave the committee membership open ended. He would like to have someone with a finance background and someone with a real estate background. He will see how it plays out.

### **TB follow up**

Selectman Donovan summarized the conference call from last week. The remedy is legislative action. He said there is no sense in appealing the decision for the small amount of money involved. Pam will ask those involved to submit their bills to their health insurance providers and the Town will pay uncompensated expenses provided they file an insurance claim. Chairman Williams spoke about submitting legislation.

### **Summer Schedule**

Selectman Condra noted that the Board still needed to get some things done, such as the Personnel Policy. Chairman Williams said they could have special meetings when needed; like work sessions. They set a summer schedule with a meeting being held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and every other week thereafter through the summer.

### **Zoning Discrepancies in Vision**

Chairman Williams gave the history of the discrepancies. The Zoning Regulations describe the zones. Currently the Vision property cards are not accurate. It came to light when someone wanted to build and used the code on card, which was wrong. This problem needs to get fixed and NRPC is helping by putting together a list of mismarked properties. Pam and Caitlin could work on it but there is a lot of time involved and only Assessor Todd Haywood would know some of the codes that needed to be entered. Assessor Todd Haywood will be asked for a price to make the fix. The Board will discuss it again once a price has been established. There is a need for speed on this project.

### **Mapping project**

The Board wants to move forward with NRPC's offer to put our town maps in a GIS format as part of their Live Maps for a one-time fee of \$1800.

### **Old/New Business**

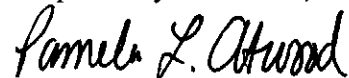
Chairman Williams talked about the New Reservoir project that has been going on for a few years. Something to discuss with the Water Commissioners and take to Town Meeting. The area is just a recreation area now because DES would not allow us to use that water. He asked if it is valuable enough to continue to maintain it. Selectman Donovan told about the relationship between the water level of The Old Reservoir and The New Reservoir. Chairman Williams stated that both properties are owned by the Town per the Water Commission Charter. The reservoir needs to have a purpose. Selectman Donovan suggested this would be a good project for the Conservation Commission.

### **Seagroves Parking issue**

Selectman Condra was approached regarding a suggested parking violation on Seagroves Street. The Board asked Pam to ask Chief Hautanen whether there is a violation or denied Fire Department access to the far side of the hydrant.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman Donovan, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;



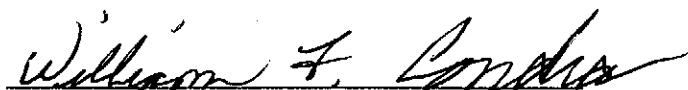
Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary



Kermit R. Williams, Chairman



Daniel E. Donovan, III



William F. Condra

6-27-16

Date Signed